TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Thursday the 17th January, 1924.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven Thirty-five of the Clock with the President in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Construction of a branch Road from Tovala Road to Aramboly Road.

110. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Tovala*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that, owing to the want of roads for carrying implements of agriculture and other necessary accessories to their paddy lands, the people in the three blocks of Putukkudi, Azhakaramman and Auvayaramman in the Tovala channel area are put to very great inconvenience?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken by them on the prayer of the people of the locality that a branch road might be constructed from the Tovala road near Tazhakudi and connecting it with the Aramboly road?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate has been called for, for the construction of the road.

Separate Census of Nanjanad Vellalas.

111. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Tovala*): (*a*) Are not the Government aware of the fact that there is a separate community known as the Nanjanad Marumakkathaya Vellala community?

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[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state why the Nanjanad Marumakkathaya Vellalas are included under the category of Vellalas in the castewar statements in the recent Census Report against the classification given in the previous Census Report as well as in the *State Manual*?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to make the necessary correction in the recent Census Report by instituting another census?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The assumption that they were shown separately in the Census Report of 1911 is not correct and the classification adopted at the recent Census is the one prescribed for all India by the Imperial Census Commissioner.

(*c*) Government do not consider it necessary to order a separate census in respect of the Nanjanad Marumakkathaya Vellalas.

Preference in Service to Nanjanad Vellalas.

112. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Tovala*): (*a*) Are the Government aware of the fact that there are only very few members of the Nanjanad Marumakkathaya Vellala community who have received higher education?

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to order Heads of Departments to give preferential consideration in the matter of employment to those few who seek service, and in the matter of promotion to those who are already in service, according to their merits?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), the question does not arise

Educational Concessions to Nanjanad Vellalas.

113. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Tovala*): (*a*) Are the Government aware of the fact that the Nanjanad Marumakkathaya Vellala community is as backward as some of the communities that are recognised as backward in point of higher education, both in English and in the vernacular?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to extend the same kinds of concession, *e. g.*, half-fee concession and scholarship, as are now enjoyed by the members of the backward communities of the State, to the members of that community?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

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